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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR HOSPITALIZATION OF GUYANESE MILITARY
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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FORMAL REQUEST IN DIPLOMATIC
NOTE FROM GUYANESE EMBASSY FOR OUR "GOOD OFFICES" IN
SECURING ADMISSION TO AN "APPROPRIATE" U.S. MILITARY
HOSPITAL FOR MAJOR ANTHONY MEKDECI. ACCORDING TO THE NOTE,
MEKDECI WAS INJURED ON JULY 6, 1976 IN A HELICOPTER CRASH
AND WAS PARALYZED BELOW THE WAIST. FOLLOWING THE CRASH,
MEKDECI WAS TREATED IN GEORGETOWN AND IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

2. UNDER THE TERMS OF INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THE
DEPARTMENT'S A-9211 OF DECEMBER 17, 1974 (SENT TO ALL
POSTS), THE CHIEF OF MISSION IS ASKED TO REVIEW PERSONALLY
ALL REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES
AND TO CONFIRM THAT THERE ARE COMPELLING FACTORS BASED ON
U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS WHICH WARRANT THE INDIVIDUAL BEING
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CONSIDERED FOR MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION.

3. IF THE CASE OF MEKDECI WARRANTS SUPPORT, DEPARTMENT
WILL NEED MORE JUSTIFICATION AND MEDICAL INFORMATION
THAN WAS SUPPLIED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE. SINCE THE NOTE
ITSELF CONTAINS AN UNDERTAKING TO MEET MEKDECI'S COSTS,

THERE SEEMS NO NEED TO OBTAIN THE REQUISITE STATEMENT REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL COSTS INCURRED. HOWEVER, MEKDECI'S SPONSORS MIGHT WANT TO KNOW THAT THE CURRENT DAILY RATE FOR INPATIENT CARE IS PRESENTLY 206 DOLLARS (AND WILL RISE TO 225 DOLLARS PER DAY ON OCTOBER 1).

4. IF, AS WE ANTICIPATE MAY BE THE CASE, MAJOR MEKDECI DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR TREATMENT AT A MILITARY MEDICAL INSTALLATION AND IF, AS GUYANESE EMBASSY HERE HAS INFORMALLY INDICATED, ADMISSION TO A CIVILIAN FACILITY IS ACCEPTABLE, GUYANESE AUTHORITIES OR MEKDECI'S FAMILY MAY WISH TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

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